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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PRE-ARRAIGNMENT
COMPLAINT

- against -

KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON,
Defendant.

(T. 21, U.S.C., §§ 952(a), 960(a)(1))

No. 19-886M

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, SS:

ANTONINO LOGRANDE, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is a Special Agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”), duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

On or about October 22, 2019, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON did knowingly and intentionally import controlled substances into the United States from a place outside thereof, which offense involved substances containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952(a), 960(a)(1))

The source of your deponent’s information and the grounds for his belief are as follows:¹

¹ Because the purpose of this complaint is to set forth only those facts necessary to establish probable cause to arrest, I have not described all the relevant facts and circumstances of which I am aware.

1. On or about October 22, 2019, the defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON arrived at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York, (“JFK Airport”) aboard Caribbean Airlines flight number BW 526 from Georgetown, Guyana.

2. After the defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON disembarked from his flight, Customs and Border Protection Officers (“CBP”) selected him for an enforcement examination. A CBP officer conducted a search of the defendant’s baggage, which was negative.

3. During the baggage examination, the defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON was visibly nervous. His carotid artery was pulsating, he was clenching his jaw, and his hands were shaking. JOHNSON also provided incomplete responses to questions about his travel plans. For example, JOHNSON stated that he was planning to stay with his cousin, but was unable to provide a phone number or other background information about his cousin, such as his cousin’s occupation.

4. The defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON was escorted into a private search room and a pat down of JOHNSON was completed with negative results. Upon further questioning, it was determined that JOHNSON had made three trips to the United States between 2018 and 2019, and that his tickets for each trip were all purchased in cash a few days prior to travel or the same day of travel. JOHNSON also made inconsistent statements regarding the funding of his trip and the purchases that he planned to make while in the United States.

5. The defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON was presented with an x-ray consent form. JOHNSON indicated that he understood and signed the form. JOHNSON was then taken to a JFK medical facility, where he was x-rayed by a physician.

The x-ray results were positive for foreign bodies. Later in the morning, JOHNSON passed several pellets. One of the pellets was probed and found to contain a substance that field-tested positive for cocaine.

6. As of the date and time of the filing of this complaint, the defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON has passed approximately 25 pellets of those that remain secreted inside his body.

7. The defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON will be detained at the JFK Airport medical facility until such time as he has passed all the pellets contained within his intestinal tract.

WHEREFORE, your deponent respectfully requests that the defendant KESTER ANFRANY JOHNSON be dealt with according to law.

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ANTONINO LOGRANDE
Special Agent
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me this
22nd day of October, 2019

Sanket J. Bulsara
THE HONORABLE SANKET J. BULSARA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK